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The House Office of Public Information (OPI) has updated its video library to include several presentations from Committee meetings, Members’ visits to state agencies and final stops on this summer’s Redistricting Public Outreach Tour. Here are links to the two most recent videos:

- [Florida House Members Visit the Department of Lottery](#)
- [Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee Visits the Florida Department of Health](#)

For a full list of OPI videos, please visit www.myfloridahouse.gov.

NOTEWORTHY

Florida Redistricting Process Reaches Milestone

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, the Florida Legislature received its 100th public redistricting map submission, an achievement leadership of the House and Senate were proud to recognize. House Redistricting Committee Chair Will Weatherford and Senate Reapportionment Committee Chair Don Gaetz welcomed the milestone highlighting that the previous redistricting process, ten years ago, boasted only four redistricting maps submitted by members of the public.

[View a Milestone Message from Representative Weatherford and Senator Gaetz](#)

Of the 100 maps received, there were more than 2,600 total districts submitted, and at least 17 from middle and high school and college students. Maps were submitted by residents of 25 different counties. Additionally, 67 percent of the maps were created with the Florida House’s [MyDistrictBuilder](#) application.

Public Encouraged to Chime in Regarding Proposed Redistricting Maps

As of November 1, the Florida Legislature received a total of 159 maps from the public with detailed suggestions on how to draw future state House, state Senate and Congressional districts. As Members prepare for the coming Legislative Session in January and work to propose their own redistricting suggestions, the public is encouraged to stay involved in the redistricting process and offer suggestions on the proposals coming forward. Redistricting Committee and Subcommittee meetings are broadcast live via the House [‘Broadcasts’](#) page and archived footage of all committee and subcommittee meetings is available via www.floridaredistricting.org.

Other helpful ways to engage in the Redistricting process with Florida House Members include: follow Florida Redistricting on [Twitter](#), participate in Redistricting discussions on [Facebook](#), contact your local House Member or chime in on the Florida Redistricting [blog](#).



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NOTEWORTHY (CONT)

"YourVoice" Regulation Reform Survey

Last month, the Florida Legislature announced "YourVoice," an online tool to survey business owners and stakeholders to collect feedback on any potential burdensome rules and regulations impacting Florida's businesses. The "YourVoice" Regulation Reform survey seeks to gather important information from Florida businesses and agencies that can be used to enhance or revise existing rules and regulations. Users can access "YourVoice" online and the results of the survey will be collected by the House Rulemaking & Regulations Subcommittee and the Senate Committee on Rules. Survey submissions may be considered as ideas for future legislation. Let "YourVoice" be heard and help us make Florida more business-friendly!

IMPORTANT DATES

Remaining Interim Committee Meeting Weeks:

Fall 2011 Interim Committee meetings began in September. The Florida House's final committee week prior to the start of Session will take place the week of **December 5**.

[Click here for a complete House schedule](#)

Calendar Reminder:

The **2012 Legislative Session** will begin on **January 10, 2012**, two months prior to the usual start date of Session.

Additional information regarding Committee week schedules and other important dates will continue to be publicized by the House Office of Public Information throughout the fall.

[Click here for the House Daily Schedule to search for events by day, week or month](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Redistricting: Stay Involved

To review Redistricting public map submissions, please visit <http://www.floridaredistricting.org/>.

As Redistricting bills and amendments are filed and acted upon, they will be available on the [2012 Redistricting Bills, Amendments and Resources](#) page.

Remember, community Redistricting meeting videos, podcasts and action packets are available online at:

[Florida Redistricting Streaming Media and Archives](#)

